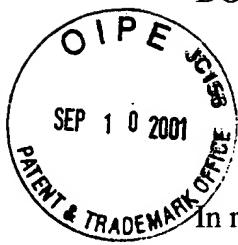


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Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows prior to examination:

In the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent

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- An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated _____
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- Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
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- _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
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- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Attached Form 1449.
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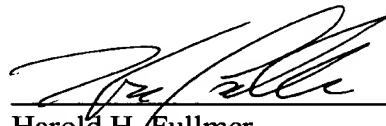
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